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WEEKLY LOG OF EVENTS

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2. Retroactive Pay Raise

On 20 August 1964 the Comptroller - General ruled that the Agency had the authority to pay retroactively its employees since 5 July 1964. The Director stated that he wanted the Bureau of the Budget to sign off in writing which has now been accomplished and the House and Senate Post Office Committees were contacted for their reaction. The Senate has referred it to the House Committee. As of this moment, the House Committee has not given an official position, but it is indicated that they will not object. In fact, this may be helpful to what they have in mind. The GAO will publish their letter, presumably in the Federal Register. Agency notice has been held up pending settlement of our position vis-a-vis the Congress. This should be clarified within the next several days. Meanwhile, the Office of Finance is geared to proceed with the computations for payment in the 11 September check of practically all aspects of the new salary program.

3. Possible Cut in CIA Appropriation

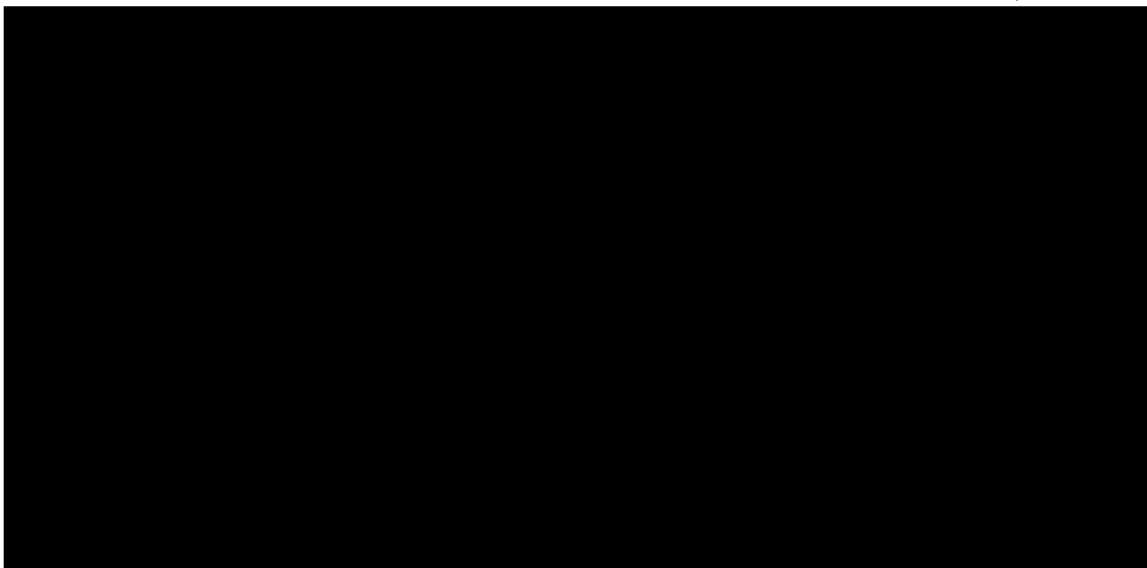
Senator Russell has initiated a letter (which should be received by the Agency in September) which proposes the withholding from Agency appropriation of \$20 million, \$10 million of which will come from the Reserve and \$10 million from the Operating Fund. Kirk proposes to make up the \$10 million from the Operating Fund by deferment of procurement, research and development, funding of certain CA activities and some ceiling limitations. As I understand now, it does not appear that the headquarters components must take arbitrary cuts. The Director does not know why the Senator is taking this position.

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4. Congressional Briefings

In regard to the above item, Kirk feels that the Agency's job in briefing the pertinent Congressional committees on the Agency's mission is not good and he proposes a concerted campaign along this line starting in January 1965. He feels that an educational program will eliminate some of the misunderstandings that have developed in the past year.



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7. Retirement Bill

The Director stated that if we are to get a Retirement Bill through the Congress this year, a special effort has to be made. A series of meetings have been held in the Agency for revising some of the requirements under the Bill. Meanwhile, the Senate Staff prepared their own version of the Bill for Senate consideration. We have not had a chance to compare the provisions of the two. At the moment, the outlook, while very discouraging, is not hopeless.

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8. DCI Trip

The Director is planning a trip to Europe the end of September which is being set up as a special briefing mission.